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FIXING THE SENIORITY RIGHTS AND SERVICE OF ALBERT O. RAEDER AS SERGEANT IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Mr. HUNT, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 6943]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6943) to fix the seniority rights and service of Albert O. Raeder as sergeant in the District of Columbia Fire Department, after full consideration, reports favorably thereon, without amendment, and recommends that the bill do pass.

The purpose of this bill is to fix the seniority rights and service of Albert O. Raeder as sergeant in the District of Columbia Fire Department, to which rank he was promoted on September 1, 1948. The bill would fix April 1, 1947, as the date on which he was promoted to such rank.

Sergeant Raeder is a veteran of World War II, having served in the Navy from January 31, 1942, to November 15, 1945. Upon his discharge from the Navy he was restored to his position as private in the Fire Department. In the spring of 1946 the Federal Government requested the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department to recommend and remporarily release for a period of 1 year a man to go to Japan in the classification of Fire Administrator. Sergeant Raeder, then a private, class 6, at the request of his superior officers accepted the position and left for Japan in July 1946. He returned to the Fire Department in October 1947. While Private Raeder was in Japan a promotional examination was held in October 1946 for the position of sergeant in the Fire Department. Upon his return to the Fire Department from Japan Private Raeder filed an application with the Civil Service Commission for a special examination in lieu of the one he missed. His application was approved and the examination was held in July 1948, which Private Raeder passed with a final mark of 99.7.

As stated above Private Raeder was appointed to sergeant September 1, 1948.

Under the regulations governing the Fire Department one is not eligible to take the examination for promotion to the rank of lieutenant until he has served 3 years continuously in the rank of sergeant. Thus, based on the actual date on which (then) private Raeder was promoted to sergeant (September 1, 1948) he would not have been eligible to take the examination for lieutenant before September 1, 1951. As a matter of fact, he took the examination for promotion to lieutenant in October 1950. This procedure was permitted by the Civil Service Commission to avoid giving him a later special examination in the event he were declared eligible. The result of his examination taken in October 1950 has never been disclosed.

This legislation has the approval of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia and the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia and it was reported favorably by a unanimous vote of the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia.

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